

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle having a seat portion spaced apart with load supporting surfaces ~~characterized in that it includes~~ **comprising** a nose portion (9) extending forwardly from the seat portion (2) between the supporting surfaces and which is longitudinally flexible and laterally rigid.

2. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the nose portion (9) is resiliently connected to the seat portion (2).

3. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 2 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the connection is provided by a spring plate (4) extending between the nose portion (9) and seat portion (2).

4. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 2 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the connection provides a hinge between the nose portion(9) and seat portion (2).

5. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle is defined in claim 2 ~~characterized in wherein that~~ the resilience is provided at least in part by a tension spring (10) between the nose portion (9) and seat portion (2).

6. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 5 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ adjustment means (11) are provided to vary the tension in the spring.

7. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 6 ~~characterised in wherein that~~ the adjustment means is a screw (11) engaging one end of the tension spring (10).

8. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in ~~any one of the claims 3 to 7~~  
claim 3 characterised in wherein that the spring plate (4) is secured to the under surfaces of the nose  
portion (9) and seat portion (2) and forms the hinge between these portions.

9. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims characterized in claim 3 wherein~~ that the end of the nose portion (9) contiguous to the seat  
portion (2) is rebated into the seat portion.

10. (original) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 in which the saddle  
components are integrally moulded from synthetic resin materials.

11. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle substantially as ~~described and illustrated~~  
~~in Figures 1 to 3, 4 and 5 or 6 and 7~~ defined in claim 4 wherein the spring plate is secured to the  
under surfaces of the nose portion and seat portion and forms the hinge between these portions.